## BELGIAN ARMY FORCES BACK GERMAN LINES

Carry Position on Kloosterhook Farm and Hold Ground Gained.

COUNTER ATTACKS ON FRENCH FUTILE

GERMANS DRIVEN

skerke, where they have car-They have also progressed conhe road from Pertyse to

the Yser the Belgian army esh progress and has renan counter attacks Dritish front there has violent artillery firing. orth of Arras the enemy to deliver another counhe hill of Notre Dame de

ns and Rheims again were ied, two shells striking the

Champagne, north of Le I west of Hill 196, we have isession along a front of incters of an important hold by the enemy Argonne several German acks between Bolante and aris have been repulsed.

our aviators dropped to barracks at Colmar Upper Alsace). mid issued at 11 o'clock

orth of Arras, despite a attack delivered by we maintained our-trenches which we had the height of Notre region of Albert, at Carnoy, fighting took place around crater, the sides of which consolidated.

agne our successes have intly maintained, and the pite his efforts, has not in retaking even a part of ni conquered by us. region of Perthes we have make progress in the Argonne, in the region of

there was a violent can-but no infantry actions. All previously made have been Bois le Pretre some German gents who had maintained elves near our trenches, in ex-

caused by the explosion 15, have been definitely

## NEW RUSSIAN TREATY TO IGNORE PASSPORTS

Jewish Question Will Not Be Considered in Trade Pact German Corps Believed to Berlin Reports Capture of Mine Sweepers in Dardanelles Are Praised for Work Destined to Grab Business Germans Formerly Controlled in Czar's Domain.

Washington, March 17.—The Wilson with Russia greatly to the advantage Administration is preparing to take tentative steps looking to the renewal of the United States. It was soon after Germany had forced her commercial demands on Russia that that country. commercial treaties with Russia without France and Great Britain finally put the

officials of the State and Commerce de-partments have prepared memoranda thich it is hoped will afford a basis for new commercial treaty, leaving for a uture time the settlement of the pass-

Russia has for some time been willing make a new commercial treaty, but unwillingness of the United States to negotiate such a convention without including in it the vexatious passport question has made it imposible to enter upon even tentative negotiations. Po-itical pressure at home has required peretofore that the United States accept no new treaty that did not guarantee to Jews specifically the right to the full privileges supposedly accompany-ing an American passport. This Russia

as unwilling even to discuss.

Whether the political situation in this has changed sufficiently to make tracticable the proposal that a new reaty be made without dealing with his issue is a matter of some doubt ere. Officials consider the present mothe tating an expansion of American trade with Russia, particularly in view of the extremely favorable disposition of that

The likelihood, though, is that Ameri- 1832, abrogated in December, 1911, may

Among certain officials of the Government the belief prevails that Russia conditioned upon it.

of so much importance now that Russia presents an even more promising field for American commerce than South the Chamberlain spoke with Mr. Bryan previous moment in the war, and is still America. It can be opened to the regarding a new trade treaty with the increasing its numbers every day. As United States only under a treaty arUnited States, the Secretary of State soon as the only hostile stronghold north
rangement such as is now contemplated in this connection it is pointed out that take the initiative in the project. M
Russia has a larger population than all Jurievitch planned last year to arrange can concentrate its whole energy upon
of South America and a better purchasexhibits of Russian bandleraft and art
the advance into Hungary.

Westlington are doing now is

ing power.

There appears to be a disposition on the part of Russia to transfer to the things Russian, but the war interfered. mands on Russia that greatly enhanced the two countries. He estimates the trade of German manufacturers are capital necessary at \$5,000,000, of which with Germany was cancelled by Russia United States. By this mea-

The United States received a little rate later an intimation that if it took the rate which several European firms en-initiative a treaty might be negotiated joy.

The British fought stubbornly against heavy odds, being, however, well supported by artillery which, located on a small hill, mowed down the Germans in swaths. Numbers prevailed in the end and the British fell back to the protec-

tion of a small canal.
"The triumph of the enemy was short ed. The British reenforcements hurd to the front, flung themselves inst the village and carried it at the sal gains they have made in the saughter. The enemy, undaunted, summoned more troops billeted in the surpheen unable to recapture any of cound they lost. The fighting consulting villages and for two days a battle raged around St. Eloi bill. The violently, particularly north of this and apparently intended to attempt a counter attack after the British

"Wounded from the Neuve Chapelle

make new progress toward GERMANS BEATEN BACK. everything possible for her

Special Cable Despatch to Tun Sus. ans have again bombarded | London, Merch 17.—The Daily Mail's emphatic statements in support of Belth 42 centimeter howitzers correspondent at Rotterdam telegraphs from and attacks on peace societies in this country made by speakers. Joseph Flanders operations:

> German guns out of action.
>
> "All German counter attacks in the Tyer region have been beaten back by the Allies" artillery. The Germans "The least we can do," he said, "is to the battle of Neuve Chapelle, contain the Allies' artillery.

#### **BELGIUM ANSWERS CHARGE OF GERMANY**

Denies That Agreement With England for Defence Was Signed.

LONDON, March 17 -- A statement protesting against the German c arges that documents found in Brussels showed that Belgium had forfeited her neutrality before the present war was issued to-day by the Belgian Government. The statement, after reviewing the conversations between British and Belgian military officers in 1996 and 1912, already described by Sir Edward Grey as referring to the situation which would be greated if Belgian neutrality were

be created if Belgian neutrality were violated by Germans, says: "The Belgian Government declares on its honor trat not only was no conven-tion ever made but also that neither of the two Governments ever made any advances or propositions concerning the conclusion of any such convention."
"It also takes the opportunity of declaring in answer to allegations whose

levolence is obvious, that:
"First—Before the declaration of war
French force, even of the smallest size, had entered Belgium, and no trust-worthy evidence can be produced to contradict this affirmation.

"Second—Not only did Belgium never refuse the offer of military help offered by one of the guaranteeing Powers, but after the declaration of war she ear-netly solicited the protection of her "Third—When undertaking, as was

2 DAY FIGHT AT ST. ELOI. her duty, a vigorous defence of her fortresses. Belgium asked for and re-

Finally Routed Germans.

Special Cable Despatch to Tax Sex.

Lonnos, March 17—The following descriptions of the fighting at St. Elol, by a correspondent at the front, is published here:

"The Germans, strongly reenforced from Bruzes, advanced from Zillebeke and Hollebeke, converging in great strength on St. Elol, south of Tyres.

Fortresses. Belgium asked for and received with gratitude such help as her guarantors were able to place at her disposition for that defence.

"Belgium, the victum of her own loyalty, will not bow her head before any Power. Her honor defles assaults of falsehood. She has faith in the justice of the world. On the day of judgment the triumph belongs to the people who have sacrificed everything to serve with conscientiousness the cause of truth, right and benor."

Armies in West.

TREATY WITH RUSSIA. Canr's Chamberlain Leges Pact and

An indication that closer commercial enforced, they tried to recover this lost relations between Russia and the United ground on the following day, but failed States will soon be established is found utterly, as they did on March 14, the Russians pushing them back on their

this country next month in the interest did not have time to place his heavy of a new trade treaty with the Unitel artillery in position and was obliged to States and a discount bank for mer- throw into his firing line all his availchants doing business between the two able

morozec and Stegna was most important. he command crossing the Orlitza River newed over and over again. the starting place of the Russian ad-

previous moment in the war, and is still

correspondent of the Daily Mail, tele-graphing yesterday, says:
"There was a general engagement on the whole front in Bukowina last night. The big Russian howitzers did much damage and the inhabitants fled from the villages. The Bussians are attackthe villages. The Russians are attach trians and their retreat is imminent."

MERITED, SAYS T. R. RUSSIANS GAIN GROUND.

He Telegraphs Message to Meeting in Honor of Mmc. Vandervelde.

BELGIUM'S FATE NOT

far reaching disaster befallen any nafloods on the Yser are subsiding bers at Ostend. Bruges and Roulers." tion than has befallen Belgium. It is the duty of the civilized worl

Col. Theodore Roosevel, telegraphed tion on the Kloosterhook Pall of Yeer Permits Belgian Ad- this message last night to the Belgian meeting in honor of Mme. Vandervelde in Carnegie Hall. There were many H. Choate, the chairman, was strong in

"The floods on the Yser are falling, his opposition to peace talk. de Lorette the Germans enabling the Belgian army to advance. "It is worse than foolish," he said, in an effort to cap-neho. The house have been taken. Shells are naturables "to talk of peace now. The war has repulsed in an effort to capench trenches. The bombardassons and Rheims continues
ty. The afternoon commuty. The af warships, which are trying to put the those who chanted peace during the first

the Allies' artillery. The Germans "The least we can do, he said, "is to names of 191 officers, of whom 59 were of the Yser, north of Dixmude, but this failed to protest in the first place against week they lost ground daily despite this most foul outrage committed in the reenforcements to their batteries."

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throned, than in that of the man who broke his trust with this great little nation."

Frederic R. Coudert said: "We talk as though neutrality were a virtue when as a matter of fact it is nearly always prompted by self-luterest. We may enforce the letter of neutrality in America. Informet the letter of neutrality in America. Major Rigby of the Seventh Canadian but nothing can ever neutralize men's hearts, and every one knows where our sympathies lie in this war."

Mme. Vandervelde said:

Norton Taylor of the Tenth Canadian Regiment are among the wounded.

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Mme. Vandervelde said:

"A certain number of well meaning Regiment are among the wounded, "A certain number of well meaning but mistaked people are getting up an enormous propaganda of peace. We wish it clearly understood that we in Belgium do not want peace. We want it ulti-mately, of course, but we want justice first, and we are fighting for our free-dom. We must have this at any price We must have this at any price rather than live under a reign of terror Universal peace will never come untithe German military caste has been ushed and broken.

POPE HOPES FOR PEACE.

Significance Seen in Conference With Austrian Envoy.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SEN ROME, March 17. The Pope received the Austrian Ambassador in an official audience again to-day, the conference last ing for more than an hour and being entirely secret. The Ambassador notified early this morning that the Pon tiff expected him at noon and hastened to the Vatican

The General of the Jesuits and some members of that order waited in the antechamber until the conference was concluded. The Pope subsequently apologized to them and said that the audience was a most urgent affair. He hinted tha he had not lost hope of peace, hence is conjectured that he is again striving for mediation.

## RUSSIANS PROGRESS GERMANS ADVANCE | FLEET CLEARS STRAITS IN NORTH POLAND ON LORETTE HEIGHTS

Have Been Sent to Aid Eminence on Southern Slope, Near Arras.

attempting to settle the Jewish passiport issue, which was the cause of the abrogation of the old treaty.

Upon broad hints from Russia that a large trade hitherto enjoyed by Germany may now be had by the United States if proper measures are adopted.

France and Great Britain finally put the finishing touches on the entente cordiale that has made them allies in the great war now in progress.

Some authorities here say that the abrogation of the commercial treaty because of the war, as Russia's action aroused great resentment. Special Cable Despatch to The Sen.

London, March 17.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs that evidence is accumulating to show that Field Marshal von Hindenburg orthogonal designs and Germany was one of the contributing causes of the war, as Russia's action aroused great resentment in Germany and violent attacks on the size of the most recent advance of the contributing causes of the war, as Russia's action aroused great resentment in Germany and violent attacks on the size of the most recent advance of the contributing causes of the war, as Russia's action aroused great resentment.

yesterday that Alexander Jurievitch. "This offensive action of the loss yesterday that Alexander Jurievitch. "This offensive action of the loss yesterday that Alexander Jurievitch. Sians was so unexpected," the correspondent continues. "that the enemy respondent continues time to place his heavy

141 Broadway, who called on Secretary of State Bryan with the Chamberlain when the latter visited this country last

The likelihood, though, is that Americans who were interested in bringing about the abrogation of the original treaty would regard their victory as a barren one if a new convention were drafted ignoring the passport issue.

Among certain officials of the Government the belief prevails that Russia.

Petrograd Reports Advances in Poland and Carpathians.

PETROGRAD, March 17 .- The following River continues to develop n spite of the stubborn resistance of

by us is increasing. Near Yedner-osec we took seventeen guns from In the Carpathians, in the region obe, our offensive has also rogress. We have again re-

the direction of Stry and Mun-Headquarters in the Caucasus re-

have captured the village of Archawa (on the Black Sea, twenty-five miles southwest of Batum, and have occupied the district at the source of the river Archawa. In the direction of Ardanoutch and Olti the Turks have been vigorously repulsed.

BARONET IN DEATH LIST.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN.

17 .-- The Germans report the capture of Heights and other advances in the following announcement, issued to-day

an eminence on the southern slope of the Lorette Heights, to the northwest of Arras, has been decided in favor of the Germans.

In the Champagne district, specifi cally to the west of Perthes and to the north of Le Mesnil, the French yesterday delivered several cessful attacks. North of Le. tronger forces, and the engage-ments still continue. In the Argonne the fighting has not yet come to an end. French

forces have been driven back from the slope to the southwest of Vau-quois, occupied by them. Two French attacks in the Le Pretre for-est, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, resulted in failure. In the Vosges there has been nothing more than

The Russian advances against Tauroggen, in Kovno Province, Russia, northeast of Tilsit, and Laugszargen, in East Prussia, just across the border from Tauroggen, have been repulsed. Russian attempts to break through the German lines be-tween the Skwa and the Orzyc rivers, north of Warsaw, also have

There is no change in the situation south of the Vistula.

RUSSIAN DRIVES FAIL.

VIENNA, via Amsterdam, March 17 --

southern bank of the Pruth near Czer nowitz were soon checked by our fire."

COMPUTES FOES' LOSS. German Paper Estimates Allies' Total at 3,600,000.

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any kind are working constantly under the enemy's fire. Impeded by their own chandise withdrawn from bonded ware-chandise withdraw nd prisoners reaches the enormous to

estimate is as follows:
"At the end of December 309,869 Russian prisoners were interned in Germany, not including those recenty captured in Poland. The total of Russians captured up to January 1 can be assumed as at least 320,000.
"Divided by the number of months over which these captures spread, the onthly average is about 64,000. Addng only half of this number for the month of January, an estimated gran-otal results of 350,000 Russians in

"On December 12 157,800 Russian Germany and Austria combine

"At the end of December 219,364 Prench prisoners during the first six nonthing is 240,000.

SEES END OF WAR IN JULY.

English Financial Writer Estimates Cost at \$16,990,000,000.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEX London, March 17.—Edgar Cram-nond, a financial writer in a paper read this most foul outrage committed in the history of civilization. Whatever may be the future fate of the brave King of the Belgians, we would any of us rather be in his place, though exiled and dethroned, than in that of the man who broke his trust with this great little nation."

Among the missing is Lieut. John de ciety, said that, in his opinion, the war must end in July because by that time must end in July because by that time was been in 1889. Among the killed is Sir believed in the cost of the cameronians, eldest son and heir of the Baron de Blaquiere. He was four the killed is Sir believed in the cost of the cameronians are mussing yesterday to the Royal Statistical Sir must end in July because by that time was been in 1889. Among the killed is Sir believed in the cost of the leditage and his opinion, the war must end in July because by that time was been in 1889. Among the killed is Sir was a lieutenant in the Scots Guards.

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# OF MINES FOR 12 MILES

Which Has Cost Heavily—Bombardment of Forts Continues and Torpedo Stations Are Destroyed.

LONDON, March 17-A despatch from Rome says that a wireless message from Rhodes announces that the Anglo-French fleet has swept the Dardanelles an eminence on the slope of Lorette entirely clear of mines for a distance of twelve miles from the entrance. The has cut the cable between that town

The Admiralty issued to-night a list of casualties incurred in the Dardanelles Athens says under Tuesday's date; operations on March 13. The names of "Last night the mine sweepers which

strait and the killing of a number of tom. The publication of the casualty | says list is held to confirm the reports from of Smarna the Vali went aboard the

badly damaged. A correspondent of the Daily Mail, the end telegraphing from the island of Tenedos under date of March 16, says:

but the corrector into which it leads i still strongly held by the enemy.
"The present operations are the fourt and batteries at the entraire to it strait. The second was the clearing the strait of mines on the first read

around her and fired at the Turkish bat

Task Soon to Be Easter. The fourth phase has now been en-

d. It consists of the sweeping of mines barring the approach to Fort ment of the forts on both sides of the demolished, and it may be expected that the action against them will begin

preciative of the work of the mine eweepers, both French and English, which without armor or protection of

marvellous escapes from destruction.

This work of forcing an almost impregnable passage is bound, unfortunately, to be costly.
"The French battleship Suffren

February began an indirect fire over-land against Kum Kale. Out of six shots fired from her four 12 inch guns she placed five within an area of two European side. The same party also arregular white patches on the destroyed the torpedo stations on the and big guns, while the mafunnels are marked with odd, irregular

Tast hight the hine sweepers which are continuing work in the Dardanelles were discovered by the Turkish land batteries, and a half of shells was directed against them, the Turks being assisted by powerful searchlights. The ships covering the mine sweepers had much difficulty in discovering the enethe day that it had no news of the re-ported dash of the Amethyst into the strait and the killing of a number of lasting for two hours and the batteries

and announced that he would resist to

of several lives.

London, March 17.—A despatch from Constantinople, by way of Berlin, re-ports that the British have lost three the attempt to clear the straits of mines. Considerable damage, it is said, was in-Considerable damage, it is said, was in-flicted on a British cruiser, name un-known. This vessel and others, it is said, had penetrated as far as Kum Kale, where they bombarded the Tur-kish searchlight positions at night. The kish searchlight positions at night. The cannonading lasted until 5 o'clock in the morning of March 12.

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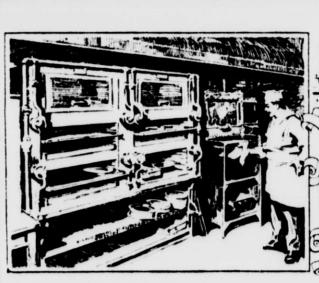
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Half Is Subscribed in New York on First Day of Opening.

MINE SWEEPERS SUNK. | York city. The amount of the inquiries et been tabulated. The subscriptions

TO PROTECT ALIENS

Morgenthau to-day advised the State Dethe Turkish Government that full pro-It was made clear that hovers



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